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## National Democratic Convention Meets in St. Louis.

### DEMOCRATS READY TO NAME CANDIDATES.

Delegates Meet in the Exposition Building—Preliminary Skirmishes Are All Over, and the Great Event Anxiously Awaited—Speech of Temporary Chairman John Sharp Williams Sounds the Keynote of the Campaign—Pennsylvania and Michigan Fortunate Ones in Drawing of Seats—Banner of Philippine Delegates Was Not Floating Free.

St. Louis, July 6.—The Democratic national convention convened here today in the exposition building. This morning meeting place, within the walls of which democracy's standard-bearer are to be named, was the Mecca for all whose interest here centers in the convention. The scenes of activity have been transferred from the hotels to this one common point. The corridors of the former wherein for several days past all has been excitement were deserted soon after the morning hours.



The Brooklyn Orator Who is to Nominate Parker for President at St. Louis Convention.

Long before the doors were swung open vast crowds thronged the streets in the vicinity of the main entrance. In the surging line were men and women, and visiting political organizations, eagerly seeking entrance. Those who have charge of the distribution of the tickets for admission have been deluged with requests for them, but as seats have been provided only to the extent of the seating capacity of the hall, many persons were disappointed.

**BIG CONTEST NOW ON.**  
The preliminary skirmishes have taken place and the big contest for the nomination for president now is on in earnest.

The decoration of the convention hall was undertaken on a most elaborate scale and the pleasing and effective general scheme has been carried out to the minutest details. The great dome ceiling, which rises high above the floor, is covered with a fabric of gold, yellow, with here and there touches of a white material curving out the architectural design. Within each of the sections of the ceiling is a star of one of the states and a stand of colors, while the front of the gallery spaces are festooned with white cloth. The walls are adorned with the national emblems, forming a frame for the colossal color picture over head. The splendor of the various colored gowns worn by the large number of ladies occupying seats in the galleries gave the finishing touch and completed a scene both spectacular and picturesque. With the exception of the bouquets on the tables on the chairman's platform, plants and blossoms were not in evidence.

**AN IMMENSE AMPHITHEATER.**  
The hall is an immense amphitheater. The accommodations for the general public and especially for the press are the most complete that they were at the Chicago convention and the best for the latter that have ever been provided for by national convention, every facility for the reporting of the proceedings and the prompt despatch of news to the world at large being afforded.

The participants in the convention were seated in positions on the main floor which forms an ellipse, seating capacity rising at the center in the rear. The section allotted to the delegates is directly in front of the platform. A large standard—a red, white and blue disc—designates the entrance of the various delegations by states and incidentally adds to the attractiveness of the spectacle. On either side of the delegates' position provision has been made for the stenographers, the press desks being located on the immediate sides of the chairman's platform. Directly opposite the platform and in the rear of the delegates is a stand where a band of 30 pieces played

### Parker on Second Ballot, Says "News" Man

Also That Turner Will be His Running Mate—Utah Delegates Confident There Will Be No Reference to Local Affairs in Platform Except Along Line of State Constitution.

(Special to the "News.")  
St. Louis, June 6.—It can now be safely said that Parker will be nominated by the second ballot, and that Turner will be his running mate. It is said that Hill is favorable to the latter. Taggart is practically safe for the chairmanship of the national committee. The Utah delegates at this time are confident that all reference to Utah affairs will be eliminated, but that if anything is said it will only be along the line of our state Constitution and statutes, and even this is being opposed.

### Why Utah Democrats Are Opposing Dubois

Say His Work All Seems to Be in the Interest of the Republican Party, to Which He Once Belonged—Dispatches Sent to Hill, Cannon, Bryan and Other Leading Democrats.

Local politicians have centered their interest today on the attitude of Senator Dubois and his proposed anti-political plank. Wide interest is manifested in it, and much conjecture has been indulged in as to the probable outcome. As an example of this, the officers of the state, county and city Democratic committees have signed their names to dispatches to David B. Hill, Frank J. Cannon, Wm. J. Bryan and others, urging them to turn down Dubois' proposition. The dispatch to Hill is probably the most emphatic. It says, in effect: "If anti-Mormon plank proposed by Dubois goes through, no hope of Utah this fall." National Committeeman Peery wired



Man Who Controls Cook County and is a Strong Ally of Bryan and Hearst at St. Louis.

strode in closely behind the Philippine flag, and was heartily cheered.

**CALLED TO ORDER.**  
Chairman J. K. Jones Calls the Convention to Order.

St. Louis, July 6.—Exactly at noon Chairman J. K. Jones of the national committee called the Democratic convention to order. His appearance on the platform, and the sound of his gavel, brought forth a cheer from the floor and galleries.

Chairman Jones directed the sergeant-at-arms to procure order. He continued rapping the table with his gavel, but it was some time before quiet reigned. Chairman's appearance, with a huge silk banner and silk American flag, and a yell "California, California," "Hearst, Hearst," "Hearst," caused cheering. Just as the California delegation reached its reservation, after marching up and down the center aisle, W. J. Bryan, who had come in uninvited, arose in his place, and was given a cheer. Then an enterprising member of the Montana delegation created a diversion by vigorously ringing a cowbell.

**DEMAND FOR ORDER.**  
Again Chairman Jones demanded that the convention be in order, and once directed the secretary to read the call for the convention. Applause followed the reading of the call. After Jones had restored Chairman Jones announced that the convention would be opened with prayer by Rev. John E. Cannon, pastor of the Grand Avenue Baptist church of St. Louis.

During the invocation the convention stood. Dr. Cannon's voice was entirely inadequate to reach even the center of the hall. The prayer occupied several minutes. Enthusiastic cheering greeted the chairman's announcement that he was directed by the national committee to appoint John S. Williams temporary secretary, and John T. Martin temporary sergeant-at-arms. The chairman appointed Col. John M. Guffey of Pennsylvania, and M. F. Tappay of California to escort Mr. Williams to the chair. As the platform was enclosed by a railing it was necessary for the committee and Mr. Williams to climb over the railing. The committee lifted Mr. Williams safely over and the entire convention burst into cheers as he ascended the platform.

### SPEECH OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS.

Traverses in Detail ex-Secretary Root's "Keynote" Speech—Holds Up to Ridicule President's Praise of His ex-Secretary of War—Makes it Plain that the Great Issue of the Campaign Will be the Tariff—Ideal Protective Policy Would Shut Out All Foreign Trade—Warns Business Interests Not to Deceive Themselves as to Meaning of Republican Success.

St. Louis, July 6.—Hon. John Sharp Williams was introduced as temporary chairman and spoke as follows:  
This is an appropriate place and time for a Democratic convention. The place is St. Louis, the chief city of the most populous state carved out of the Louisiana territory acquired by the father of Democracy. The time is the centennial anniversary celebration of the acquisition of that territory—a vast area of contiguous territory whose possession was necessary for self-defense and which was fitted in climate and soil for home making by the sons and daughters of the republic—the anniversary of real and not pseudo expansion—an expansion of our population, our industrial life and our free institutions over the inhabited lands, or lands sparsely settled by savages whose tribal independence we recognized by treating with them, or settled on spots by white men easily and willingly assimilated; not a so-called expansion by mere superior force of our flag and our military authorities.

**TRUE EXPANSION.**  
The Democratic party afterward gathered the country to further expansion of this real, free character in the acquisition of Florida, the admission of Texas, as a state and the acquisition from Mexico of a magnificent far west fit to be made a state in the Union and governed under the Constitution.

**A GREAT EVENT.**  
The most important quadrennial event in the world is the election by the American people of their chief executive. Before the great election takes place, at which all men are supposed to arrive at a choice by ways of honesty and intelligence—would to God they did—at least two minor elections of a different character are held. There have always been two great parties, which since the first national political conventions have elected delegates to conventions for the purpose of selecting a candidate and promulgating a platform.

**"MOST UNANIMOUS OCCASION."**  
One of these parties has gone through its party election of delegates, has selected a candidate and promulgated a platform. It was one of the quietest and "most unanimous occasions" that the muse of history has ever recorded. Everything seemed to have been fixed beforehand. There are some contentions about a convention of that sort. One of them is that the temporary chairman knows six or nine months beforehand that he is going to be temporary chairman. He also knows what he is wanted to say, compared with what he wants to say. I could appreciate that, I assure you. The permanent chairman also knows what is expected of him for half a year beforehand. The platform comes ready written and signed by the candidate himself, who has also been agreed upon.

**ROOT'S SPEECH.**  
The address of the temporary chairman of the Republican national convention was in one sense historical. It dealt much in history, at any rate, most of it ancient history, and a great deal of it had history. There was a labor argument to prove that the party of Roosevelt must, by something like evolutionary process, act as the party of Lincoln and McKinley. This was necessary in order to disguise the palpable fact that it is not so acting. Not without reason, then, this labor argument by this great and ingenious lawyer. It was to draw away attention from Rooseveltism and its volucrant, eruptive and reckless character. The fact that, at some period of its history, the Republican party has been a "party which did the things," and did them safely. The orator hoped to have the country lose sight of the fact that it is now in both of its executive branches a party of passivity, of non-action, of obstruction to reform and progress; in a word, a party whose only sacred precinct is the shibboleth which makes their knowledge of them the first what the president did say of the junior member of that mutual admiration society. I find it in the American Review of Reviews from the pen of Walter Wellman:

**ROOSEVELT ON ROOT.**  
"Ordinarily the president of the United States is not to be interviewed. But there are exceptions to all rules. When I asked President Roosevelt for an expression of his opinion of the character and public services of Elihu Root, who within a few weeks is to retire from the secretariatship of war, the president replied, 'I am very glad to do that. In John Hay I have a great secretary of state. In Philander C. Knox, I have a great attorney-general. In the other cabinet positions I have great men. Elihu Root could take any of these places and fill it as well as the man who is now there. And, in addition, he is what probably none of those gentlemen could be, a great secretary of war. Elihu Root is the ablest man I have known in our governmental service. I will go further. He is the greatest man that has appeared in the public life of any country, in any position, on either side of the ocean, in my time.' This is praise, indeed," adds Wellman.

**PERSISTENT REPORTS OF A RUSSIAN VICTORY.**  
Liao Yang, July 6.—There are persistent reports in circulation that a hot engagement occurred today northward of Gensan between the Russian Vladivostok and Japanese squadrons, which ended favorably to the Russians.

**FOR HIGH TREASON.**  
Capt. Erolesse of Italian Army Arrested.  
Messina, July 6.—Acting upon instructions from Rome the authorities here have arrested Capt. Erolesse of the Italian assembly, and his wife on charge of high treason in selling to agents of foreign powers plans for mobilization of the Italian forces in Sicily.

**PANAMA'S "SLATED" REVOLUTION.**  
Where? Going back to ancient history, in the credit mobiler, in the long saturnalia of southern reconstruction? Or in recent history, in the postoffice department? In the public lands bureau? In the full array of bastards? In the White House who, in the long line of great men who have filled the seat he now occupies, has himself found only about three in his opinion worthy of anything like unstinted praise? George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and himself. Verily, the other humorists will have to retire from business.

**INVESTIGATION THWARTED.**  
Mr. Root says, "Offenders have been relentlessly prosecuted and sternly punished." Isn't this remarkable "thundering in the index" for you, when compared with actual Republican accomplishments, especially when compared with the refusal of a Republican house of representatives to make reprisals face even so much as a congressional investigation, when compared with the absolute and constant refusal of the Republican speaker to recognize anybody for the purpose of making a motion even of that character? If there ever was a determination fully entertained and fully carried out, it was the determination of the Republican administration and the Republican legislative body to see to it that nobody should investigate the alleged culprits in the postoffice department, except

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